



2024 *April*



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Message from the Principal,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all École Centrale students and their families from March Break. We hope that everyone is refreshed and ready for a busy Spring season. There are many exciting events planned for the weeks ahead, which include: our Folkdance, grade 3 and 4 spring performance which will take place in May, Earth Day activities, classroom field trips, Parent Association Committee Meetings, ÉC Parent Lunch Program Committee Meetings and more.

We have so many ways to celebrate the wonderful creative learning that is always in progress at École Centrale! As we are into the final stretch for this academic school year, we challenge each and every student to make the most of every day and really take the time to enjoy the learning process, take risks and try something new every day! Parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teachers to follow-up on any goals that were set during interviews in the March meetings. As always, I am pleased to meet with parents who wish to discuss their child's academic, social, or emotional progress.

Field trips will be taking place in these last few months of school. If you are interested in volunteering, you will need to fill a Child Abuse Registry, which can take time to process. The CAR is paid by the division. If you would like an application, please email Ashley at achihonik@retsd.mb.ca.

Welcome Kindergarten Orientation!

Our kindergarten team has set the Welcome to kindergarten Night for May 14th. If you know someone who has a little one who turns five before December 31, 2024. Please pass the word.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024 - 2025 school year began March 1, 2024. Your child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2024, to be eligible to register. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate at the time of registration. Registration forms are available on our website now and can be brought to the school or emailed to ec@retsd.mb.ca You can also pick up a registration package from the office or please call 204- 958-6468 to plan for the pickup. This year our classes will be full day every other day.



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Parent Requests for next year:

École Centrale Classroom Placement Process

As we head into the last portion of the year, we are starting to think ahead to next year. Part of our thinking ahead includes beginning to collect information for class placements for 2024 – 2025 school year. Placing students into classrooms is a team process with input from administration, classroom teachers, resource teachers and specialists. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. We make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions. Staff teams strive to create classes that are heterogeneous and balanced in all respects. This year we may have several combined classes.

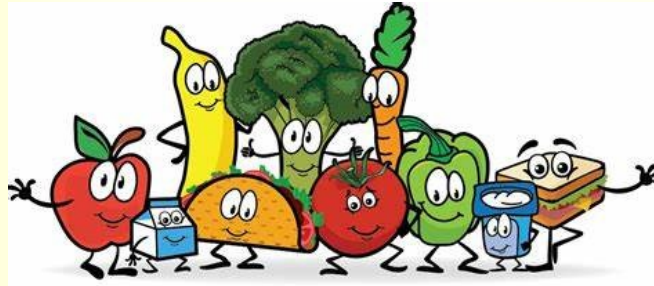
The following are all considered when determining class lists:

- Range of student abilities
- Students with additional needs information
- Social dynamics among students
- Learning and working styles
- Placement of students new to École Centrale
- Male/female ratio
- Family considerations (twins, siblings, cousins, etc.)
- Approximately equal class sizes at any grade level
- Combined classes will usually have a lower-class size

Parents can assist the class formation process by helping their children to understand the importance of class formation and supporting placements that have been made. It is our professional responsibility to ensure balanced classes which maximize learning for all students at École Centrale. This is a complicated and multi-faceted task for teachers. Our teachers have a wealth of collective knowledge regarding how individual children learn and socialize. While staff members have much of the information required to create balanced classes, parents may want to provide us with specific input about the learning needs of their children. Helpful information may include learning and work styles, needs for structure, etc. As a result of the reasons outlined above, **requests for specific teachers cannot be accepted**. If you have information regarding your child that would be helpful to our team for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please fill out the form following this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/jrV8jVGaSG> or email mwilliams@retsd.mb.ca by May 10, 2024. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this challenging task.

Please note: The school reserves the right to make the final decision based on the overall educational needs of all students at a particular grade level. All placements are subject to staffing changes. Class placements will be included in the June report card. To aid our planning for the fall, we are asking any families who are planning to move over the summer to inform the school office as soon as your plans are confirmed. As well, if you are aware of new families with school age children moving into our designated area, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Lunch Program Fees: Reminder if you have not paid your **lunch program fees** for 2023-2024, you must do so right away, the payment can be made at school. If you have not paid your fees for 2023-2024 you will **not be eligible to register** for 2024 – 2025. If you need assistance, please contact one of the administrators at school.



Remember NO CLASSES at École Centrale in 2023–2024 on the following dates:

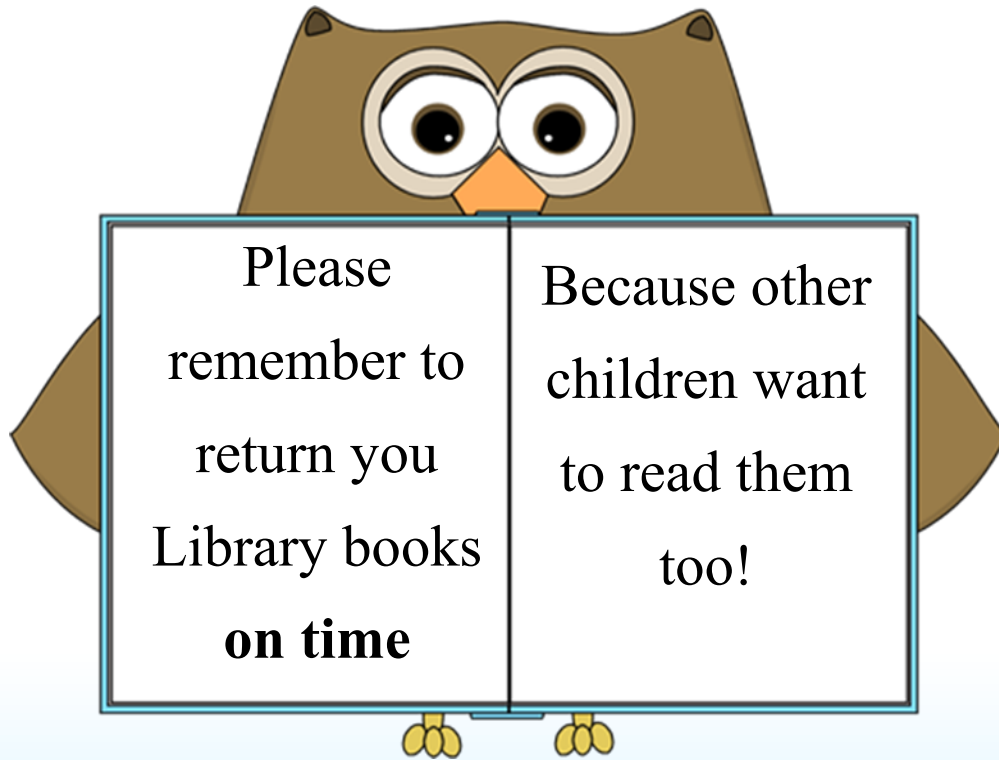
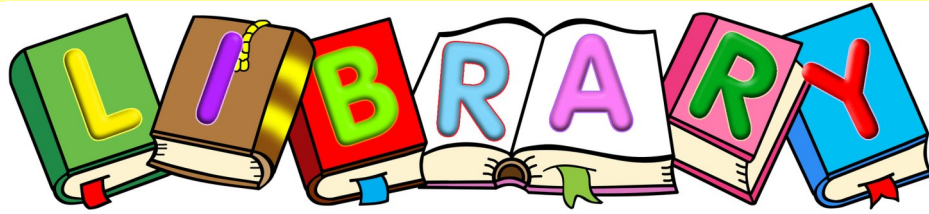
Monday, April 22	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 10	Admin Day NO SCHOOL (EC ONLY)
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 7	Co-ordinated Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Friday, June 28	Last day of classes Early Dismissal

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All library books are due back on library class day. If you are done your books early, please return the books early.



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Music

Did you know?

Favorite songs are often context dependent. Even though many people often change their favorite song depending on the most recent releases, it is proven that long-lasting preferences are due mainly to an emotional attachment to a memory associated with the song.

March has been an absolutely wonderful month full of lots of listening. Since March is Women's History Month, students have been participating in a March Madness style voting bracket to learn about the different ways that women have influenced and contributed to the music industry ranging from modern video game music to the roots of jazz to franco-canadienne pop.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday April 4 Grade 4 students visit the WSO for *Adventures in Music*
Bus to leave at 12:00pm. Students will eat an early lunch

Thursday May 30 Grades 3, 4, and 5 Spring Concert
Students arrive at 6pm, concert starts at 6:30pm

Mme Alyssah
Music Educator



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READ-A-THON WINNERS

Congratulations to our Read-A-Thon Winners.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Mme Yim Odd-Sufyan

Mme Yim Even-Benjamin

Mme Burkart Odd-Bendicion

Mme Dedieu-Alfonso

Mme Dupuis-Austin

Mme Marion-Arthur

Mme Falvo/M Segal-Josh

Mme Gosselin-Avayah

Mme Shaw/Mme Riat-Eli

Mme Allard-Francis

Mme Pantel-Bryson

Mme Paquet-Julianna

M Glowacki-Tennessee

Mme Lemoine-Andi-Lee

Mme Stewart-Jona



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Yearbook ID Code:

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Fill in Students Name and Grade

The cost of the Yearbook is \$22

Order Deadline:

July 14, 2024

Students receive their yearbooks



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In the gym

During the month of April, students in Kindergarten to grade 2 will be participating in activities that will develop their kicking, overhand throwing, striking and rolling a ball which are part of the basic motor skills. They will also start learning Folk Dances in preparation for a Divisional Dance Festival in May.

Students in Grade 3 and 4 will be playing Zone Handball and playing modified baseball/softball activities outside. Students in Grade 5 will learn the game of Mini Handball and playing modified baseball/softball games.

Intramural News

Grade 1 and 2 students will continue to come to the Gym to play a variety of games.

Grade 3 and 4 students will be playing Zone Handball. We are starting the tournament in Mid-April.

Grade 5 students will be playing Mini Handball.

Club News

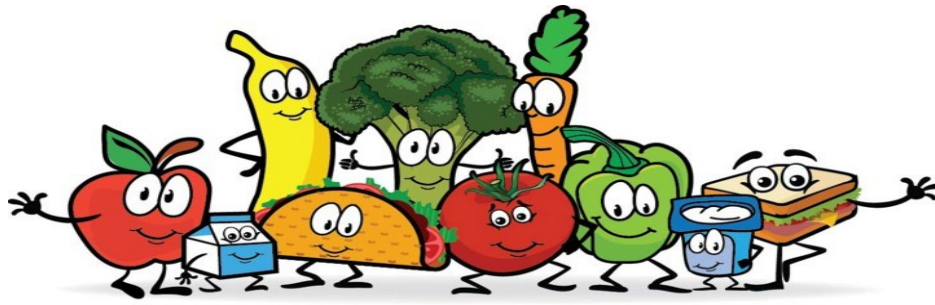
Club de Ski de Fonds members had a great season. Thank you to the coaching staff of Mme Burkart, Mme Schultz, Mr. Boulley, Mme Yim and Mme Lemoine for their dedication to helping our members improve their skiing. We look forward to another great ski season next year!

Look for more information regarding our Duathlon Club at the beginning of April. The Club should start in Mid to Late April.

Grades 1 and 2 will have an opportunity to join a running club around mid-April . This club will be at lunchtime with staff supervising.

A note from M. Boulley: I will be retiring at the end of this school year. I have been privileged to have taught so many students over my career at École Centrale. I also want to thank all the parents for their support over the years with all our school activities.

Keep active:M. Boulley and Mme Burkart



**ÉCOLE CENTRALE
NOW HIRING
PAID POSITION
LUNCH SUPERVISOR FOR 2024–2025**

The École Centrale Lunch Program is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing our students with a safe, caring, respectful environment where parents/guardians may choose to have their children supervised over the lunch break.

LUNCH SUPERVISOR POSITIONS - OPEN

Qualifications

- Have positive attitude and friendly personality
- Able to work with children and adults in a respectful and professional manner
- Available to take part in Professional Development programs as required
- Work both independently and as part of a team

Responsibilities

- Be on site daily, during the lunch shift (11:00 am - 12:15 pm)
- Implement École Centrale classroom, playground and behavioral policies and directives
- Supervise Classrooms during lunch period
- Supervise playground activity during lunchtime recess
- Take student attendance daily at the start of the lunch period
- Assist students as necessary
- Attend daily debriefings with the Coordinator as directed
- Other related duties as assigned

Please note: This is a daily paid position that occurs for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes at lunch, supervising with children. Salary starting at \$18.50 per hour

Interested applicants should email resumes to École Centrale at ec@retsd.mb.ca

This position is open to all and does not require you to have a child in École Centrale. Please share this with other qualified and interested applicants. Volunteer Child Abuse Registry Check will be required upon receiving the position.



April 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Day 1 Spring Break Ends School opens	2 Day 2 Autism Awareness Wear a Rainbow of colors	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5
8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 Bus Evacuation 	11 Day 3 Bus Evacuation  Hot lunch 	12 Day 4
15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3
22 Day 4 Co-ordinated Day No School Earth Day 	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 Hot lunch 	25 Day 1	26 Day 2
29 Day 3	30 Day 4			

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May 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Hot lunch 	10 Day 6 Administration Day No School EC only
13 Day 1	14 Day 2 Kindergarten Open House 6:00-7:00	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5
20 Victoria Day No School	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Hot lunch 	24 Day 3
27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6 Countdown to Kindergarten Event 4:30-6:30 at JT	30 Day 1 Spring Concert Grade 3,4 & 5 6:30pm	

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